6. Welfare of Fishevmej:

(i) Group Accident Insurance (ii) Model Fishermen Villages (iii) Saving-cum-Relief.

7. Assistance for Strengthening of Inland Fish Marketing.

8. Enforcement of Marine Fishing Regulation Act and Introduction of Artificial Reefs and Sea Farming Project.

9. World Bank Assisted Shrimp and Fish Culture Project.

(c) No new schemes are under consideration at present for the development of fisheries' in Orissa.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Groundnut production in Orissa

457. SHRT SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is a vast scope for the expansion of ground-nut production in Orissa; and

(b) if so, (he steps taken by Govern ment to increase the areas under ground nut production and also to create adequate marketing facilities for the sale of groundnuts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRl S. KRISHNA KUMAR): *(a)* and (b) Orissa has got a good potential for in creasing the area under groundnut spe cially during the summer season. To increase the production of oilseeds in cluding groundnut a Centrally Sponsor ed Oilseeds Production Programme 'OP?) is in operation which provides assistance for production and distribu tion of s"e'-ls distribution of sprinklers improved farm implements, rhyzobium culture, gypsum pyrites. In aldtion technology is demonstrated to the far-mers through frontline and general demonstrations organised on their hold. ings.

Reduced production of long staple cotton in Punjab and Haryana

458. SHRI S. S. SURIEWALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware of reduced production of long staple cotton in Punjab and Haryana regions, during the current season on *&c*-count of Ball Worm and other diceases caused by low temperature;

(b) if so, what is the estimate ot total cotton production in the current year in comparison to the previous two years;

(c) whether Government have received complaints from the farmers of these Seates regarding lack of effectiveness of various pesticides which failed to destroy the plant diseases;

(d) if so, what are the preventive msasures taken by Government;

(e) whether Government propose to enforce ths Crop Insurance Scheme to save the farmers miseries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRl ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Sir, there are no reports of reduced production of long staple cotton in Punjao and Haryana during the current year on account of Bait Worm and other diseases. The production of cotton in Punjao and